

DEPARTMENT OF SOCIAL SERVICES

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ALL COUNTY INFORMATION NOTICE I- 135 - 83

TO: ALL COUNTY WELFARE DIRECTORS  
ALL COUNTY CHIEF PROBATION OFFICERS  
ALL PRESIDING OR SOLE JUVENILE COURT JUDGES

SUBJECT: ALL COUNTY LETTER NO. 83-93, REQUIRED COURT ORDER CONTENT  
FOR AFDC-FC

The department has received several questions from counties concerning All County Letter 83-93 which states that court orders for children placed on or after October 1, 1983 must contain a statement that "reasonable efforts have been made to prevent or eliminate the need for removal of the child from his or her home and to make it possible for the child to return to his or her home." These questions, and our responses follow.

1. Question: Must both the detention and disposition order contain this finding?

Response: Yes, unless AFDC-FC is not paid until after the disposition order in which case the detention order need not contain the finding.

2. Question: Must other orders (e.g., periodic review hearing orders) contain this finding?

Response: No.

3. Question: Are the "reasonable efforts" those of the placing agency or those of the parents?

Response: The "reasonable efforts" are those of the placing agency.

If you have further questions, please contact the Foster Care Program Management Bureau at (916) 445-0813 (ATSS 485-0813).

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